

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1305 - SB 1264

April 20, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the county attorney to consult with and advise other elected county officials, their deputies, and employees on the proper application and enforcement of federal and state laws.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000*

Assumptions:

- This bill is not relevant to state operations.
- Based on information from The County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), to the extent a county attorney is not already advising local government officials on compliance with federal and state law, then there will be an increase in local government expenditures.
- Given the extent of unknown factors, a precise impact to local governments cannot be determined. However, the increase in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$50,000 statewide. Such estimate is based on at least one county being required to employ at least one additional attorney. This increase in local expenditures is considered mandatory to locals given the bill requires county attorneys to consult with and advise elected officials, deputies, and employees.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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